



Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **Indiana Archaeology Month 2005 ~ September is a month of activities-** September is certainly going to be a month full of archaeological activities! The official Calendar of Events for Indiana Archaeology Month is currently available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archmonth/pdf/2005calendar.pdf>. We hope you are able to go to some of the exciting events which are being held all across the state. The many event hosts have worked hard to put together activities which the public will enjoy. There is something for everyone- the young and young at heart!
- **Grant applications for Archaeology Projects-** The FY2006 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant applications for archaeological projects are now available on the DHPA webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic). Please note that the deadline for proposals is Friday, October 14, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. This is NOT a postmark deadline, late applications will not be accepted. Contact the DHPA Grants Staff for information or with questions at 317/232-1646.
- **Archaeology Roadshow at the Indiana State Fair- a good event marred-**

From 2- 4pm on August 20th, Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson held an artifact roadshow at the DNR building during the Indiana State Fair. The turnout was great, and there was a constant stream of visitors who brought artifacts and unique questions. Dr. Jones and Ms. Johnson were pleased to meet the visitors, help with artifact identifications, and distribute archaeology information; however, at the roadshow this year the oldest and rarest projectile point that was brought by the DHPA to show the public unfortunately was found to be missing from the display table. The disappearance of that artifact has now unfortunately prevented others from seeing it and learning more about that time period, the people who used those types of artifacts, etc.



The missing point is shown in this photograph. If you would see this artifact, or know of its whereabouts, contact the DHPA at 317/232-1646.

- **Ft. Harrison State Park Archaeology Day-** On August 6, 2005, Ft. Harrison State Park in Indianapolis hosted Archaeology Day. Beginning at noon, archaeological events of various kinds were available for visitors to the park to enjoy. Amy Johnson represented the DHPA at the event. Ms. Johnson answered questions and distributed archaeological outreach materials and Archaeology Month posters.



Throwing an atlatl (spear thrower).



Visitors enjoying making Native American inspired crafts.

- **Preserving Indiana-** The latest edition of our office's newsletter, *Preserving Indiana*, is now available online at www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/bin/nwsltr_fallwntr2005.pdf. In this issue is information about Indiana Archaeology Month, archaeological grants which were recently awarded, and more.
- **Historic Preservation Fund Grant Project Site Visit-** On July 21st, Amy Johnson, DHPA Research Archaeologist, made a site visit to the Next Step Education through Archaeology Project (NSEAP) at Ft. Harrison State Park, Indianapolis. Martin University administers the project (which is in its seventh year), and the goal is to provide predominately minority high school students from Indianapolis the educational experience and skills needed to achieve success in college. The project's core activity is a six week summer archaeological research fieldschool for 10 students investigating 8,000 years of human occupation at the state park. This program was awarded a FY2005 Historic Preservation Fund grant, administered by the DHPA.

Ms. Johnson, the DHPA archaeology contact for this grant, was impressed by the archaeological investigations that had been conducted, by the students, their mentors, and their project Director, Harry Murphy. The participants' dedication and enthusiasm was easily evident. This type of project illustrates just one of the many ways in Indiana that archaeology is being used to learn, as well as prepare students in a practical manner for the future.



NSEAP student (right) and a mentor who were working together.



View of one of the archaeological sites that has been the subject of investigation during the project.

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